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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)
FROM : Deputy Director Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : Requests for Naval Personnel

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1. I had a telephone call from Admiral Felix Johnson with regard to our request for four naval officers which I understand went in through [redacted]. Admiral Johnson, who has been most cooperative in every way with us, said that we had asked for four particular key people in his organization which it would be difficult for him to spare and he asked whether it would not be possible for us, in cases of this kind, to have a talk with him before asking for particularly named individuals. He assured me that if we would let him know the type and rank of person whom we desired, he would make every effort to fill our needs, but would like to do so at the same time without disrupting his own organization.

2. I told Admiral Johnson that I thought his position was wholly reasonable and that I would make arrangements so that we would talk with him or anybody in his office whom he might designate before making further requests for named individuals.

3. I have mentioned the foregoing to the DCI who entirely concurs. At your convenience, I would appreciate it if you would speak to me about this matter so we can work out the machinery. I am sure that Admiral Johnson will "play ball" with us and that we will get the best we need by following the proposed procedure. Of course there is no reason why, in informal conversation with ONI, we should not indicate the type and even the individual we would like in case he was available.

4. Admiral Johnson said that Captain Charles Stuart in his office was fully briefed in the matter and would do his very best to meet our requirements.

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